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COX, P.A. AND S.A. BANACK (eds.). 1991. **Islands, plants, and Polyne-  
sians. An introduction to Polynesian Ethnobotany.** Dioscorides  
Press, 9999 S.W. Wilshire, Portland, Oregon. Hardbound. \$34.95  
plus \$3.75 shipping. 228 pp.

This interesting book is the Proceedings of a Symposium Sponsored by the Institute of Polynesian Studies, Brigham Young University-Hawaii Campus Laie, Hawaii. Ethnobotany is the study of the use of plants by indigenous peoples and in the case of this book the Polynesians. Quoting from chapter 1, by R. Raymond Fosberg, "Polynesia includes the islands scattered over a vast triangular area in the Pacific with Hawaii, Easter Island, and New Zealand as its apices, and with a scattering of outlying islands westward into Melanesia and Micronesia. All the islands are tropical or subtropical except New Zealand and its outlying islands and groups, which are temperate or even cold." The book has ten chapters and includes and index to scientific names and an index to Polynesian words.

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BROWN, CLAUD L., L. KATHERINE KIRKMAN. 1990. **Trees of Georgia and Adjacent States**. Timber Press, Inc., 9999 S.W., Wilshire, Portland, Oregon 97226. Hardbound. 292 pp.

This manual includes summer and winter keys and descriptions of 205 native taxa with 432 color photographs of leaves, flowers, fruit, and bark and 95 black and white photographs of winter twigs. After a thorough introduction, the Summer Key to genera then family and Species Descriptions are divided by angiosperms and conifers. There is a list of Introduced and Naturalized Species and a glossary. This manual could be used by naturalist, horticulturist and gardeners. *Dottie M. Woodson*

CAILLET, MARIE, JOSEPH K. MERTZWEILLER. 1988. **The Louisiana Iris**. P.O. Box 9005, Waco, Texas 76714. Hardbound. 225 pp.

Louisiana irises are rhizomatous and beardless. There are five species in Louisiana and surrounding states. This text published by The Society of Louisiana Irises covers Chapter 1: History of Louisiana Irises, Chapter 2: Classification and Species, Chapter 3: Diversity and Adaptability, Chapter 4: Natural Hybrids and Collecting, Chapter 5: Propagation of Louisiana Irises, Chapter 6: Diploids and Tetraploids, Chapter 7: Hybridizing Louisiana Irises, Chapter 8: Culture of Louisiana Irises, Chapter 9: Diseases and Pests, Chapter 10: Irises Shows, Judging and Awards, Chapter 11: Uses and Other Activities. There is a glossary and many line drawing, painting, and photographs. This book is a must for everyone interested in irises. *Dottie M. Woodson*

OAKS, ALBERT. 1990. **Ornamental Grasses and Grasslike Plants**. Van Nostrand Reinhold, New York, N.Y. Hardbound \$64.00. 614 pp.

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